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Method and Apparatus for Registering and Storing Dependencies Among Applications and Objects in a Computer System, and for Communicating the

Dependencies to a Recovery or Backup Service

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Ш	A Preliminary Amendment.					
\boxtimes	An Amendment Responsive to the Office Action Dated August 24, 2005.					
	An Amendment Supplemental to the Paper filed .					
	A Substitute Specification (pages 1 -) in clean form.					
	A substitute specification (pages 1 -) with markings.					
	An Abstract is enclosed.					
	replacement sheets of drawings are enclosed comprising figures .					
	Request is hereby made to accept black and white photograph(s) in this case, as they are the only practicable medium for illustrating the claimed invention. One (1) set of black and white photographs comprising figure(s) is submitted herewith.					
	Petition is hereby made to accept drawing(s)/photograph(s) in this case.					

DOCKET NO.: MSFT-0174/150793.01 PATENT Three (3) sets of color drawing(s)/photograph(s) and black and white photocopy that accurately depicts to the extent possible, the subject matter shown in the color drawing(s)/photograph(s), are enclosed, comprising figures An amendment to the first paragraph in that portion of the Brief Description of the Drawings is also enclosed herewith advising that the patent contains at least one drawing/photograph in color. A Certified Copy of each of the following applications: is enclosed. An Assignee Power of Attorney is enclosed. Information Disclosure Statement. Attached Form 1449. A copy of each reference as listed on the attached Form PTO-1449 is enclosed herewith. A Terminal Disclaimer is attached.

Appendices as follows:

Other

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	Applicant(s) has previously claimed small entity status under 37 CFR § 1.27.
	Applicant(s) by its/their undersigned attorney, claims small entity status under 37 CFR § 1.27 as
	This application is no longer entitled to small entity status. It is requested that this be noted in the files of the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office.

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INDEP. CLAIMS	3	4 (3 MINIMUM)	0	\$100 EACH	\$	\$200 EACH	\$ 0.00
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The Commissioner is hereby requested to grant an extension of time for the appropriate length of time, should one be necessary, in connection with this filing or any future filing submitted to the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office in the above-identified application during the pendency of this application. The Commissioner is further authorized to charge any fees related to any such extension of time to Deposit Account 23-3050. This sheet is provided in duplicate.

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